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TITLE: ANNULAR-GAP SEAL FOR A VALVE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated April 12, 2007,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this
paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
claims which begins on Page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.